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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0015] of the specification as follows:

FIG. 1 is a cross-sectional elevation view of a prior art conductor assembly in which a conductor window is mounted to a conductor ring that is affixed to a top ~~and end~~ of a conductor;

Please amend paragraph [0058] of the specification as follows:

Once the production tubing 130 has been run down to the production zone and the tubing hanger 132 secured, the wellhead system can be completed by attaching to the top of the stack one of various pieces of flow-control equipment, such as a master valve, choke, flow tee or other such flow-control device (none of which are shown, but which are all well known in the art). In order to attach a flow-control device, an adapter flange 150, shown in FIG. 15, is first mounted to the top of the stack. The adapter flange 150 is secured to the tubing hanger 132 by a threaded union 160. The adapter flange 150 has a pin thread 152 for engaging a corresponding box thread on the tubing hanger 132. The adapter flange 150 also has a pair of annular grooves 154 in which O-rings are seated to provide a fluid-tight seal between the adapter flange 150 and the tubing hanger 132. As illustrated in FIG. 15, the adapter flange 150 also has an annular shoulder 156 against which the threaded union 160 abuts. The adapter flange 150 further includes flange 158 at the top ~~and end~~ for connection to one of various types of flow-control devices. An annular groove 159 is machined into the top surface of the adapter flange 150 for receiving a metal ring gasket to provide a fluid-tight seal at the flanged joint between the adapter flange 150 and the flow-control device.